

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2007, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,155,299 (Mahulikar). It is respectfully submitted that claims 7-15 are patentable over Mahulikar for at least the following reasons.

Mahulikar is directed to package adapted to house an electronic device 12. As clearly shown in FIGs 1-2, the electronic device 12 is located within a cavity 22 formed by a depression 18 in a base component 14 and a second depression 20 formed in a cover component 16. (See column 3, lines 8-16)

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 7, amongst other patentable elements recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

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wherein the isolating material is in contact with the substrate and the patterned layer and surrounds the substrate and the patterned layer.

These features are nowhere taught or suggested in Mahulikar. Rather, the Mahulikar electronic device 12 is in a cavity and is not surrounded by or in contact with any isolating material.

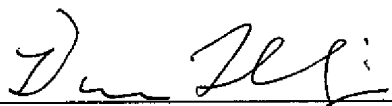
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claim 7 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 8-15 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claim 7 as well as their individually patentable elements. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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